Work under National Highways Development Project in Andhra Pradesh

1316. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have revised the target of National Highways Development Project to 2004;

(b) the percentage of work completed in North-South and East-West corridors and on Golden Quadrilateral;

(c) the percentage of work completed in Andhra Pradesh under NHDP; and

(d) the reasons for enormous delay in completing the work in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir. The target date of completion for Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) and North-South and East-West Corridors (corridors), are the year 2004 and 2007 respectively.

(b) Of the total length of 7,300 kms. of the North-South and East-West corridors, work of 4/6 laning has been completed in 557 kms *i.e.* 7.6%. In the Golden Quadrilateral work of 4/6 laning has been completed in 1,408 kms. *i.e.* 24% of total length of 5846 kms.

(c) The work under National Highway Development Project in Andhra Pradesh has completed by about 20% in Golden Quadrilateral and about 7% in corridors.

(d) Work is progressing more or less as per schedule.

National Highways in Assam

†1317. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways in Assam where construction work has been completed during the current year;

(b) the details of sanctioned/issued/used amount for this purpose during this period; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of policy framed by Government for the development of National Highways in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) 9 No. of improvement works amounting to Rs. 32.79 crore have been completed on National Highways 36, 37, 37A, 39 and 51 during 2003-04 entrusted to the State Government of Assam. In addition, works amounting to Rs. 18.43 crore have been executed by Border Roads Organization (BRO) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) during the same period on National Highways 37, 44, 52, 53, 54 and 151 entrusted to them.

(b) 12 No. of works amounting to Rs. 41.28 crore have been sanctioned during the current year on various National Highways in the State of Assam. An amount of Rs. 45.21 crore has been spent up to June, 2003 on the improvement works in the State of Assam.

(c) Presently, the emphasis is on improving the riding quality of all National Highways in the country including in the State of Assam.

Status of National Highway

1318. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Highways in terms of their maintenance;

(b) whether Government have formulated any schemes for the maintenance of National Highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a proposal to help the States to maintain State Highways in order to improve and develop the overall programme of Highways in the country as a whole;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to